

United States Department of Agriculture  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
4700 River Road  
Riverdale, MD 20737

**Permit to Move Live Plant Pests, Noxious Weeds, and Soil**  
Interstate Movement  
**Regulated by 7 CFR 330**

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<b>PERMITTEE NAME:</b>	Allen Monroe	<b>PERMIT NUMBER:</b>	P526P-18-02865
<b>ORGANIZATION:</b>	The Living Desert	<b>APPLICATION NUMBER:</b>	P526-180717-020
<b>ADDRESS:</b>	47900 Portola Avenue Palm Desert, CA 92260	<b>FACILITY NUMBER:</b>	N/A
<b>MAILING ADDRESS:</b>	47900 Portola Avenue Palm Desert, CA 92260	<b>HAND CARRY:</b>	Yes
<b>PHONE:</b>	7603465694 Ext. 2200	<b>DATE ISSUED:</b>	07/30/2018
<b>FAX:</b>		<b>EXPIRES:</b>	<b>07/30/2021</b>
<b>DESTINATION:</b>	The Living Desert, 47900 Portola Avenue , Palm Desert, CA 92260		
<b>RELEASE:</b>	No		

Under the conditions specified, this permit authorizes the following:

<u>Regulated Article</u>	<u>Life Stage(s)</u>	<u>Intended Use</u>	<u>Shipment Origins</u>	<u>Originally Collected</u>	<u>Culture Designation</u>
Aphaenogaster cockerelli	Any	Display Purposes - Insect Zoo	AZ	Originally Collected from Within the Continental U.S.	

**PERMIT GUIDANCE**

- 1) This permit does not authorize importation or interstate movement of strains of genetically engineered regulated organisms (created by the use of recombinant DNA technology) or their use outside of a confined laboratory setting.
- 2) If an animal pathogen is identified in your shipment, to ensure appropriate safeguarding, please refer to [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import\\_export/animals/animal\\_import/animal\\_imports\\_an\\_products.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/animals/animal_import/animal_imports_an_products.shtml)
- 3) If a human pathogen is identified, please refer to the CDC Etiologic Agent Import Permit Program at <http://www.cdc.gov/od/eaipp/>
- 4) This permit does not fulfill the requirements of other federal or state regulatory authorities. Please contact the appropriate agencies, such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the APHIS Veterinary Services unit, the APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services, or your State's Department of Agriculture to ensure proper permitting.
- 5) If you are considering renewal of this permit, an application should be submitted at least 90 days

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**Wayne Wehling**

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prior to the expiration date of this permit to ensure continued coverage. Permits requiring containment facilities may take a longer period of time to process.

### PERMIT CONDITIONS

USDA-APHIS issues this permit to Allen Monroe, The Living Desert, 47900 Portola Avenue, Palm Desert, CA. This permit authorizes the interstate movement of the listed regulated materials/organisms from Arizona to the above address.

1. • This permit is issued by the United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). It conveys APHIS regulations and requirements for the material(s) listed on this permit. It does not reduce or eliminate your legal duty and responsibility to comply with all other applicable Federal and State regulatory requirements.
  - The permit number or a copy of the permit must accompany the shipment.
  - You must be an individual at least 18 years old, or legal entity such as partnership, corporation, association, or joint venture.
  - You are legally responsible for complying with all permit requirements and permit conditions.
  - If you violate any applicable laws associated with this permit, you may face substantial civil or criminal penalties. We may cancel all current permits and deny future permit applications.
  - Without prior notice and during reasonable hours, authorized Federal and State Regulators must be allowed to inspect the conditions associated with the regulated materials/organisms authorized under this permit.
2. The permit holder must:
- maintain a valid PPQ526 permit so long as the regulated materials/organisms are alive or viable,
  - not assign or transfer this permit to other persons without APHIS PPQ authorization,
  - maintain an official permanent work assignment, residence, or affiliation at the address on this permit,
  - notify the Pest Permit Staff as soon as possible of any change in the permit holder's work assignment, residence, or affiliation,

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- notify the Pest Permit Staff of the receipt of unauthorized and/or misdirected shipments of regulated materials/organisms,
- adequately mitigate environmental impacts resulting from unauthorized release of regulated materials/organisms and notify the Pest Permit staff immediately if one occurs,
- notify the Pest Permit Staff if the facility is damaged/destroyed or if you wish to decommission the facility,
- destroy all regulated materials/organisms prior to departure from the organization unless other arrangements are confirmed by the Pest Permit Staff.


Notifications to the Pest Permit Staff must be made via 866-524-5421 or [pest.permits@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:pest.permits@aphis.usda.gov) within one business day of the event triggering a notification.

3. All persons working with the listed regulated materials/organisms must be informed of these permit conditions. Anyone working with these materials/organisms must agree to and sign/initial these conditions before beginning work. These signed conditions do not need to be submitted to USDA/APHIS but must be readily accessible and made available to Federal and State regulators upon request.

Note: these conditions may be copied and stored electronically for electronic signature and initialing provided that the permit number, authorized materials/organisms and life stages, release locations if applicable, and authorization statement all appear on the document with the permit number. Signing these conditions only indicates that the person working under this permit has read them; the permit holder is the sole responsible party under this permit.

4. Dead specimens can be retained and used for study, exhibit, and redistribution. Dead specimens must be frozen at -4C for ten days, -29C for three days, or immersed in an appropriate fixative e.g. 70 percent ethanol, Kahles solution, RNA-later.
5. This permit is only for public display, NOT FIELD RELEASE. Safeguards must be in place in the display facility to completely remove the possibility of release into the environment of these plant pests.
6. Modifications to the containment of these organisms must be approved prior to making changes to an inspected containment facility. Please contact the Permit Unit for advisement. 4700 River Rd., Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737 All contact information must be kept current. Point of contact 866-524-5421 or email at [pest.permits@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:pest.permits@aphis.usda.gov)

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7. All regulated organisms must be maintained in escape-proof cages (e.g. aquaria, terraria, etc.) at all times within the facility. Cages that are accessible to the visitor must be securely locked at all times when not being serviced. The facility must be locked when not occupied by the permittee or their designee.
8. There is to be no further movement or distribution of the listed regulated materials/organisms within the United States and its territories unless the recipient holds, or is named as a responsible party on a valid PPQ526 permit for receipt of such materials/organisms.
9. Ants-  
All regulated insects must be maintained in escape-proof cages at all times within the containment facility. The facility (or growth chamber) must be locked when the permittee or their designee is not present. The capacity of the insect to escape the cage (dig, claw, push, fly, or chew through wood, plastics, metals, or screening) must be considered in cage design.

Ants require cages/containers constructed/covered with screen or cloth mesh of no less than 60 divisions per linear inch in each direction (60 mesh). The cage/container must close completely alleviating the possibility of escape. Cages can only be opened within the containment laboratory and only on a cleared monolithic surface. Collection methods must be available to catch escape organisms. All materials removed from caging must be thoroughly examined for regulated organisms if the material is not being disposed of following the waste disposal condition.

### END OF PERMIT CONDITIONS

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